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WE have had during the past year sixty-nine applicants for help or work at our room.

Fifty-two families have been visited, and three hundred and sixty-six visits have been made.

Sewing has been given to twenty-five women.

Many applications have been made at our room for work-people of different kinds, and we have often been able to supply these wants satisfactorily to the employers and employed. This part of our work is one that we consider of great importance to our usefulness, and we hope that our friends will continue to apply to us in this way.

Twelve hundred and thirty-eight articles have been made by the women during this year, eight hundred and forty-nine being for hospitals and institutions, and the rest for the society and private orders.

One hundred and thirty-seven articles of clothing and fifty-five pairs of boots and rubbers have been given away.

Some slight changes in our methods of working, bringing our society into line with the more modern methods of charity organization, have been tried, and have proved, in our judgment, a gain. Last October a new committee of five

ladies, known as the Case Committee, was formed, to take charge of all applicants for aid, before giving them into the care of visitors, and to hold themselves ready to advise and assist the visitors in all ways.

One member of this committee has been present at the hall a part of every morning of the week (except Saturdays) with the agent, and on Friday mornings a meeting of the whole committee has been held, for discussion and reports of the week's work. This change has made it possible to keep at our room detailed and accurate reports of every case which can be referred to at any time. It has also given opportunity to visitors, and to other friends having poor families under their charge, to come to our room on these mornings between eleven and twelve for consultation and help.

At our Executive Committee meeting in May it was decided to do away entirely with our old system of districts, and to have, in the future, simply a list of visitors who would hold themselves ready to be called upon for any cases given them by the Case Committee. This we feel will make the visitors' work less unequal than it has been, and it will also enable us gradually to call more young people in as helpers, giving them simple and easy cases as a beginning.

In other respects the society has gone on as usual. In our neighborhood the winter was not a hard one for most of the working people, and the number of families helped was not very large. Still there were some cases of extreme need, from loss of work and illness, and several very sad ones from intemperance, the worst being those where the mothers of families were neglecting their children from this cause. These cases required much time and work, but in some of them the visitors had reason to feel that good results

had come from their efforts, although the future only will prove how lasting these will be. We trust that no such efforts are really lost, and this gives us courage even with the most difficult and hopeless cases, such as must come to all engaged in charitable work.

Several cases of begging were reported to the society during the winter, and were investigated. None of these beggars were found worthy of help, and few of them were living at the places they had given as their residences. The society had cards printed and distributed, asking that no help should be given to beggars, to which we would again call the attention of our friends, reminding them that our visitors are always ready to attend to this sort of investigation promptly and thoroughly.

Our thanks are again due to friends who have sent us clothing; to the Gas Company for its gift of coke, and to Mr. Vogel for a box of boots and shoes.

Our room at Curtis Hall is open from ten until one every day (Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted) from October first until May first. Our agent, Mrs. Bradley, may always be found there during those hours, and from eleven to twelve o'clock one of the Case Committee will also be present.

ELLEN C. MORSE.  
MARY FAULKNER.  
ALICE P. CARTER.  
E. J. BRADLEY.  
S. J. FRENCH.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

August 10, 1887, to October 4, 1888.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year . . . . .	\$564.85
Subscriptions . . . . .	934.00
Sales . . . . .	118.60
From loan . . . . .	5.00
Returned by agent . . . . .	11.00
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	\$1,633.45

## EXPENDITURES.

Agent's salary . . . . .	\$310.00
Materials . . . . .	142.22
Work through Employment Committee .	220.00
Provisions and milk . . . . .	209.79
Boots and shoes . . . . .	31.75
Fuel . . . . .	77.28
Printing . . . . .	20.35
Postage . . . . .	3.69
Loans . . . . .	32.00
Associated Charities . . . . .	100.00
Express . . . . .	.45
Balance on hand . . . . .	485.92
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	\$1,633.45

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. CLARK, *Treasurer.*



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of E. W. Clark, Esq., Treasurer of The Jamaica Plain Friendly Society, from August 10, 1887, to October 4, 1888, and that the same are correctly kept and the payments therein are properly vouched, and that the Treasurer charges himself, as of the latter date, with a balance of four hundred and eighty-five dollars, ninety-two cents (\$485.92).

CHARLES P. BOWDITCH, *Auditor*.

BOSTON, October 11, 1888.

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OFFICERS OF THE JAMAICA PLAIN FRIENDLY  
SOCIETY FOR 1888-89.

President: Rev. S. U. Shearman.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Charles P. Bowditch, Mr. Charles B. Cumings, Mrs. D. S. Greenough, Rev. William Bradley, Rev. Ralph M. Hunt, Rev. John E. Tuttle.

Secretary: Miss Caroline E. Chickering.

Treasurer: Mr. E. W. Clark.

Assistant Treasurer: Miss Mary Faulkner.

Executive Committee: Dr. George Faulkner, Chairman; Dr. E. P. Gerry, Rev. Charles F. Dole, Mrs. R. W. Wood, Mrs. H. D. Morse, Mrs. A. D. Weld.

Case Committee: Miss Ellen C. Morse, Chairman; Miss Mary Faulkner, Secretary; Mrs. W. S. Carter, Mrs. Austin B. French, Mrs. William Bradley.

## VISITORS.

Mrs. M. D. Bowker, Revere St.  
 Mrs. William Bradley, Chestnut Ave.  
 Mrs. E. P. Butler, A St. near Boylston.  
 Mrs. W. S. Carter, Eliot St.  
 Miss C. E. Chickering, Centre St. corner Pond.  
 Miss Davis, at Dr. Wood's, Revere St.  
 Miss Mary Faulkner, Greenough Ave.  
 Miss Kate Folsom, Lakeville Place.  
 Mrs. Austin B. French, Seaverns Ave.  
 Mrs. G. J. Hopkins, Park Place.  
 Miss Jaques, Cheshire St.  
 Mrs. James Low, Forest Hills St.  
 Miss Ellen C. Morse, Prince St.  
 Miss Eleanor Parker, Washington St.  
 Mrs. Augustus Preston, Oakdale St.  
 Mrs. Alfred Stebbins, Walk Hill St.  
 Mrs. Samuel G. Thaxter, Sigourney St.  
 Mrs. C. S. Waldo, Centre St.  
 Mrs. A. D. Weld, Forest Hills St.  
 Miss K. R. Wendell, Greenough Ave.

## ASSOCIATE VISITORS.

Rev. William Bradley.  
 Dr. H. W. Broughton.  
 Mr. Charles B. Cumings.  
 Rev. Charles F. Dole.  
 Dr. A. H. Eayrs.  
 Dr. H. C. Ernst.  
 Dr. George Faulkner.  
 Mr. George W. Fowle.



Dr. E. P. Gerry.

Mr. Patrick McMorrow.

Dr. A. P. Perry.

Rev. S. U. Shearman.

## SOLICITORS FOR 1888-89.

District No.	1.	Miss Charlotte Bowditch.
„	2.	Miss Ellen C. Morse.
„	3.	Mrs. W. S. Carter.
„	4.	Miss Alice B. Weld.
„	5.	Miss Fannie Curtis.
„	6.	Mrs. Guppy.
„	7.	Mrs. H. R. W. Browne.
„	8.	Mrs. Alfred Stebbins.
„	9.	Miss Gertrude Davis.
„	10.	Miss Frances Harris.
„	11.	Miss Edith Hodgman.
„	12.	Miss Marion Q. Winslow.
„	13.	Mrs. Ellis Peterson.
„	14.	Miss Annie Stedman.
„	15.	Mrs. Augustus Preston.
„	16.	Miss C. M. Skinner.





